

November 24, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee

FROM: Harry Higgins, Chairman, Scottsdale

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, November 2, 1999 - 8:30 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Ocotillo Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee will be held at the time and place noted above.

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building in an unreserved space. Bring your ticket to the meeting and parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Harry Wolfe at 254-6300.

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| 1. | <u>Call to Order</u>   |   |
| 2. | <u>Approval of Minutes of November 2, 1999</u>               | 2. Review and approve meeting minutes of November 2, 1999.  |
| 3. | <u>Request for Comments on Metropolitan Area Definitions</u> | 3. For information, discussion and possible recommendation. |

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Requests Comments on the Proposed Changes to Standards for Defining Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Areas by December 20, 1999. On October 20, OMB released the

recommendations from the Metropolitan Area Standards Review Committee (MASRC) for changes to OMB's standards for defining metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. Dr. Pat Gober from the Arizona State University (ASU) Department of Geography, a member of the Committee that developed recommendations for new Metropolitan Area Definitions will be in attendance to discuss the proposal. Input will be solicited. This is the first major revision of these concepts since 1970, when OMB developed new areas such as Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSA's) and Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's). MASRC has recommended a Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) classification to replace the current Metropolitan Area (MA) classification. The cores (densely settled concentrations of population) for this classification would be Census Bureau defined urbanized areas and smaller densely settled "settlement clusters." The settlement clusters are new areas to be identified for the 2000 Census. CBSAs would be defined around these cores. This CBSA classification has three types of areas based on the total population of all cores in the CBSA:

- 1) Megapolitan Areas defined around cores of at least 1,000,000 population;
- 2) Macropolitan Areas defined around cores of 50,000 to 999,999 population; and
- 3) Micropolitan Areas defined around cores of 10,000 to 49,999 population.

Those counties containing the cores, should become the central counties of the CBSA's. Territory outside of Megapolitan, Macropolitan and Micropolitan Areas would be termed "Outside CBSAs." The MASRC has recommended the use of counties and equivalent entities as the building blocks for statistical areas throughout the United States and Puerto

Rico, including the use of counties as the primary building blocks for statistical areas in New England. MASRC also recommended that Minor Civil Divisions (MCDs) be used as building blocks for an alternative set of statistical areas for the New England States only. A single threshold of 25 percent to establish qualifying linkages between outlying counties and counties containing the CBSA cores has also been recommended.

4. Use of Maricopa County Assessor's Office Residential Completion Data

MAG staff has been in contact with staff of the Maricopa County Assessor's Office to discuss the possibility of MAG obtaining residential completion data from the Assessor's database rather than collecting the data from each of our member agencies. In the past the Assessor's Office has only collected building permit data. However, beginning January 1, 1999, the Assessor was required to collect completion dates. The jurisdictions currently supply completion data to both the Assessor's office and to MAG.

On November 10, 1999, MAG received a database from the Assessor's Office of all completions for the first two quarters of 1999. MAG staff will prepare a summary comparison between the Assessor's and MAG's databases. A representative of the Assessor's Office will be in attendance to discuss the issue.

4. For information and discussion.

